

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A raw material composite 10 for a carbon material used in an electric double layer capacitor contains microcrystalline carbon having a layered crystal structure similar to graphite, and is formed a carbon material for an electric double layer capacitor by undergoing an activation treatment. Here, the raw material composite is characterized in that a Hardgrove grindability index HGI defined by ASTM D-409-71 is 50 or above, an interlayer distance d_{002} of the microcrystalline carbon determined by an X-ray diffraction method is 0.343 nm or below, and a crystallite size L_{C002} of the microcrystalline carbon determined by the X-ray diffraction method is 3.0 nm or below.